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NO FIREWORKS AT OPENING OF CONVENTION

Everything Went Smoothly While
the Rain Dampened
Enthusiasm.

BRECKONS IN THE CHAIR

Some Want to Adjourn Until Next
Tuesday, but Majority Want
to Get to Work.

And it rained. And the oratory, though not lackluster, was much dampened; likewise the enthusiasm. There really wasn't any excitement. The program, so carefully prepared, went through as smoothly as a Tammany slate. Breckons, as per prearrangement, took the chair. Willie Harris gracefully moving to make it unanimous when he had heard enough votes announced to make it sure that he wasn't even in the running.

All of the above, of course, relates to the Republican county convention, which met at the Orpheum last night and endeavored to make itself heard above the pelting of the rain on the tin roof overhead. A malibini unacquainted with local political conditions might easily have supposed that all is harmony within the party, and that any such thing as a contest is utterly unheard of in Honolulu. There really wasn't a single fight of any consequence during the entire session, the only semblance of any such catastrophe being the nomination of R. W. Breckons and W. W. Harris for temporary chairman of the convention. But Breckons won out so handsily that the slight contest could hardly be dignified by the term of "fight," and Harris, early recognizing defeat, very cleverly headed off the reading of the total vote by moving, before all the delegations had announced their votes, to make it unanimous for Breckons.

As a matter of fact, Breckons won out in everything. Like the careful organization man he is, he had everything planned out before the convention assembled and did not slip up on a single detail. He was ably backed up by the rest of his delegation, the fourth of the fourth, which, in effect, dominated the entire convention. Every proposition but one advanced by this delegation went through with hardly any opposition—once more demonstrating the value of organization and forethought. For the fourth had in caucus carefully planned out every probable move, both of itself and the enemy, if any enemy appeared on the political horizon. The one exception was the important one of adjournment. The convention, evidently, does not want to wait.

All Smooth.

The convention didn't get very far, but it went off like clockwork. On account of the rain, which was pouring down in bucketfuls when the convention was called to order, the galleries were not well filled, but most of the delegates were in their seats. Clarence H. Davis called the convention to order, and after the usual preliminaries George A. Davis nominated Robert W. Breckons for temporary chairman, while J. A. Kennedy placed before the delegates the name of W. W. Harris.

As soon as the voting commenced it became evident that it was all Breckons. The total vote, though not announced to the delegates, was 147 for Breckons to 47 for Harris. This was taken by some as indicating the relative strength of Lane and Hueston as candidates for the nomination for mayor, it being generally taken for granted that Breckons is a Lane man.

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HUGHES TELLS TOWSE HOW TO
WORK IT.

A Few Convention "Flashlights."



MORE FUND AND EXTENDED POWERS

Platform Framers Asked to In-
sert Plank for Waterworks
and Right to Borrow.

An indication of the trend of the Republican campaign may be judged by the resolution offered last night by Oscar Cox of the Waiialua precinct, which was referred to the committee on platform, which meets this morning to prepare its report, to be submitted to the convention this afternoon.

The resolution calls for the county convention to adopt a platform taking over the waterworks system from the Territory by the county, and to provide means whereby a possible loan made by the county may be met, interest and principal, by a sinking fund from a share of the inheritance tax and the liquor licenses. The resolution was taken in charge by the committee on platform, and possibly some of these suggested planks may be incorporated, although there may be opposition to the plan in general when the report is made to the convention. The resolution is as follows:

Be It Resolved, That the committee on platform is hereby requested to insert in the platform the following planks, to wit:

1. That the waterworks of Honolulu should be transferred to the city and county of Honolulu, with provisions to safeguard the interests of the Territory relating to bonds issued on account of said waterworks.
2. That the belt road around the island should be relocated and macadamized, and the principal streets in Honolulu should be blocked or paved; that the officers of the city and county should be provided by the municipal government with its own home; that more fire stations should be provided, so that the Kaimuki, Manoa and Kalihi stations would be provided with fire stations; that provision should be made in order to get more schoolhouses in the island.
3. In order to assist the above plans, the inheritance tax and the fees for liquor licenses should be divided equally between the Territory and the counties, the money to be used to pay interest on principal of any loan which may be made by the municipality.
4. We demand honest conduct of public office and businesslike and economical administration of public affairs in the City and County of Honolulu.
5. We recommend the purchase of buildings of the Aala Park block for the enlargement of said park.

PLATFORM AND RULES COMMITTEES MEET TODAY

The Republican committee on rules will meet this morning at the office of J. F. Morgan, Kaimukii street, at ten o'clock. The committee on platform will meet at the office of A. L. C. Atkinson, Judd building, at nine o'clock this morning.

LITTLE STORIES ABOUT POLITICS

F. E. Steere stated yesterday when the Star story of Makalea's treachery was shown him, that the Manoa insurgent committee had not paid him \$500. Mr. Steere stated, also, that the expense incurred by the insurgents in the campaign against Andrews were legitimate and only legitimate, and included the expense of the luau given the night before the primaries. As to the liquor interests he stated that he was now aware that the liquor people had been working among the Manoa people, independently, and that they did spend money right and left, but the sole purpose of the liquor men was to defeat Andrews.

Eben Low, a delegate of the Manoa precinct, stated he knew nothing of (Continued on Page Four.)



SOLOMON MAHELONA.
Who said Woodward can beat Bicknell?

CIVIC PRIDE AND COOPERATION

These Are Needed to Make a
City, Says Lyman Before
Commercial Club.

Civic pride, cooperation of citizens clubs and centralization of effort for public welfare, were the principal elements of an able address before the Commercial Club at noon yesterday by David B. Lyman, a leading attorney of Chicago for the past forty years, but born at Hilo. The address was dignified and contained many features which point to necessity for action along civic lines in Honolulu.

The speaker has a dry humor which pervaded his address which was replete with homely tales for illustrative purposes. Forcefully he called attention to the need of action of making the volcano of Kilauea and the drive leading to it from Hilo a national reservation, saying that this was the age for public parks and public reservations throughout the American republic. His address was also filled with tributes to the Hawaiians who left estates of hereditary ownership for charitable and educational purposes, and dwelt upon the example so set as being capable of duplication by other moneyed residents of Hawaii.

Mr. Lyman was a guest at the table of President E. H. Paris, at which were also guests United States Judge Robertson, Doctor Emerson, Attorneys Olson, Stanley and F. E. Thompson. Mr. Lyman, in opening, said he realized more and more the power of commercial clubs and other kindred organizations. This is an age of centralization. Men were busy nowadays and it was necessary to centralize efforts for all to do each his share in the common work. Every growing city has commercial clubs and wherever they are those cities are always clean. He referred to the progressive commercial club of Chicago which was one of the most active organizations and helps to create civic pride and to raise public issues above sectional and factional struggles.

Honolulu needed a commercial club. The city was in the formative period, and the world is beginning to realize that Hawaii is in the midst of one of the most active sections on the globe. He always felt proud to have been born in the smallest kingdom in the world. As to his own city of Chicago he had seen the city grow from 150,000 to 2,500,000 population. They had had most terrible civic problems, and it has all developed good, strong law-abiding citizens who dropped personal matters, with organizations which tackled all the live questions, standing them all the time, getting in touch with the political parties and always winning out. There was the great fire which brought them (Continued on Page Eight.)

MARINES GO IN DECEMBER

Battalion at Marine Barracks
Will Be Relieved From
Mainland.

The latter part of November or the early part of December will be the time for the departure of the battalion of marines at Marine Barracks for the mainland. The battalion has been stationed here about two years, which is the prescribed tour of duty for a station.

As far as known the marines will go to the mainland for station, and will probably be distributed at various navy yards or assigned to duty, by detachments aboard the big warships.

The battalion will be replaced by an equal number of men from the mainland.

The present marine aggregation has become well connected with the city, in social and athletic affairs, and the officers have become almost a part of the community, which will regret their departure. Major Long has been commandant during the entire stay of the battalion here.

Other changes in the personnel of the naval station are contemplated, and probably the paymaster may, after all, be assigned to duty elsewhere, his tour of two years' duty having come to an end. It was thought he would remain here for a much longer period, but after all may have to move on in accordance with the regulations covering details of duty. Rear-Admiral Rees, commandant, although retired, has been ordered to remain on duty as commandant, the length of additional duty being indefinite.

LEADING HAWAII TO DEMOCRACY

Wall Street Journal Comments
on Islands' "Foreign
Complications."

Says the Wall Street Journal:—Late in the sixties a few gentlemen, assembled at Secretary Seward's house in Washington, were discussing the reciprocity treaty brought by Judge Harris from Honolulu. One objection was that it might ultimately lead to annexation and foreign complications. Mr. Seward then made use of the following observations, which were so remarkable that the writer, who was present, made a note of them:

"Policies suitable to adolescence are ill-fitted to manhood. It is the mission of the United States to lead the world to democracy, and it can not continue to do this by staying at home. Some day or other we shall have to go abroad. This means an abandonment of the protective system, the cultivation of foreign markets, the organization of a sea-going navy, and the acquisition of commercial outposts."

What has happened since? We have acquired Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, Guam and the Philippines, to say nothing of Porto Rico, Panama and certain other "commercial outposts." We are sinking \$500,000,000 in the Panama Canal—for what purpose? Chiefly in the hopes to gain the Chinese trade, the only trade of sufficient magnitude to warrant the outlay. And we relinquished a portion of the Boxer indemnity in order to assure the Chinese that our desire to trade with them is natural, sincere and unclouded with any political design. Plenty business; good friends.

In conformity with the policy of William H. Seward and John Hay, our colonial administration of the Philippines is making distinctive arrangements to push the Asiatic trade, while the railway system of Alaska appears to be speedily approaching that shore of the straits which is destined ultimately to connect the road with a line of steamers to Manchuria and China.

The course of our principal commerce in the future will not be eastward, but westward; and commerce means not the higgling gains of rival manufacturers, but the generous profits of international exchange.

The first step in this business will be to cut down our tariff to a commercial level; the next will be to assist China to bring her monetary system into such harmony with our own that it will form no obstacle to trade; then full steam ahead.

KONA CREW ANNOUNCE COMING BY WIRELESS

Tom King received a wireless yesterday from Kona, Hawaii, stating that the Hawaiian outrigger crew would be on hand for the Regatta Day canoe races without fail. Kenneth Brown, the captain of the hulk crews of the Outrigger Club at Waikiki, has had considerable difficulty in getting his men together this year and while he will not have all the same boys who made up last year's crews, he said yesterday that he was sure his four-paddle crew would win against the Hawaiians and the six-paddle race would be very close.

MR. BALLINGER'S HONOR HIT HARD

Democratic Minority Finds He's
Unworthy of Confidence of
the Public.

WAS UNTRUE TO HIS TRUST

Republican Majority Calls Meet-
ing in Chicago, but Dem-
ocrats Won't Go.

MINNEAPOLIS, September 10.—Republican members of the special congressional committee investigating Ballinger have given notice of a meeting to be held on Tuesday in Chicago for the consideration of their decision as to the truth or falsity of the charges against the secretary of the interior. Yesterday the Republican members of the committee failed to attend the meeting held here and the Democratic chairman ruled that there was no quorum.

The Democrats will now follow the action of the Republicans and will refuse to attend the meeting of the Republican members of the committee to be held in Chicago.

They made announcement to that effect today and have made public their minority report which finds, in a scathing arraignment, that Secretary Ballinger has been untrue to his trust and that he is unworthy of public confidence. The minority report declares that he should be asked to resign his official position.

Pinchot and Glavis are declared to have been, according to the evidence brought out in the investigation, ever faithful to the interests of the people. The committee has adjourned to meet in Washington, D. C., on December 3.

ALLEGED LORIMER BRIBER ACQUITTED

CHICAGO, September 9.—L. O'Neil Browne, Democratic leader in the last Illinois house of representatives, was today acquitted of the charge of bribery brought against him in connection with the alleged payments of bribe money to secure the election of Lorimer as United States senator. Browne was accused mainly on the testimony of Representative White, who declared that he had been paid \$1000 by Browne to vote for Lorimer. Other charges are pending against Browne.

TWENTY THOUSAND VIEW AERONAUT'S AWFUL AGONY

SACRAMENTO, September 10.—During the aeronautics at the annual State fair here yesterday, Aviator Charles Hamilton, flying in a biplane, was hurled to the ground from a height of sixty feet when his machine became unmanageable.

The desperate efforts of the airman to control his engine when he realized that something was wrong were viewed by a crowd of twenty thousand visitors at the fair.

Hamilton was seriously injured by the precipitation, suffering great agony from his wounds.

TEDDY SEES ALICE AND THEN TALKS

CINCINNATI, September 10.—Ex-President Roosevelt arrived here today and visited his daughter Alice and her husband, Congressman Nicholas Longworth.

Following the family call, Colonel Roosevelt addressed a large gathering of citizens, both admirers and critics, declaring enthusiastically for the increase of the power of central government.

Roosevelt defended his already famous doctrine of "new nationalism," emphasizing what he believes to be the necessity of giving to the federal government still greater powers over national affairs, for the benefit of the entire Republic.

THIRTY DROWNED IN FERRY WRECK

LUDINGTON, Michigan, September 10.—The death toll totals thirty as the result of the sinking of a railway ferry in the lake yesterday.